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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK-IRANIAN TRADE PROTOCOL INCLUDES OIL,
POSSIBLY ARMS

REFS A. PRAGUE 1094, B. PRAGUE 1354, C. PRAGUE A-14

1. RUDE PRAVO JUNE 7 ANNOUNCES SIGNING OF 1978-79 TRADE PROTOCOL
IN TEHRAN WHICH CALLS FOR A FIFTEEN PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1977
FIGURES FOR TOTAL TRADE. IRAN IS TO IMPORT MACHINERY,
EQUIPMENT, GLASS, WOOD PRODUCTS, AND BUILDING MATERIALS IN RETURN
FOR CRUDE OIL, PETROCHEMICAL PRODUCTS, WOOL, COTTON, DRIED
FRUITS AND OTHER ITEMS. COMMENT: THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CONFIRMS THAT
CZECHOSLOVAKS SUCCEEDED IN CONCLUDING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR
IRANIAN OIL, WHICH HAD BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION AT LEAST SINCE
SHAH'S 1977 VISIT TO PRAGUE.
"EQUIPMENT" TO BE SUPPLIED BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA PRESUMABLY INCLUDES
OTHER MILITARY ITEMS. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION
TEHRAN DEVELOPS ON QUANTITY AND TYPE OF CRUDE OIL INVOLVED
END COMMENT.

2. CZECHOSLOVAK-IRANIAN RELATIONS ARE ALSO DEVELOPING IN OTHER
FIELDS. AN IRANIAN DELEGATION LED BY DEPFONMIN MORTEZA
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GHADIMI IS CURRENTLY IN PRAGUE TO DISCUSS AN IMPLEMENTATION
PROGRAM FOR THE CZECH-IRANIAN CULTURAL AGREEMENT FOR 1978-80.
HE WAS RECEIVED BY FOREIGN MINISTER BOHUSLAV CHNOUPEK,
WHO IS DUE TO VISIT TEHRAN SHORTLY(REF B).
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